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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Hospice Agencies
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Hospice Services: Fee Schedule Updates

Retroactive for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has updated the Hospice Services Fee Schedule with the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) wage index.

What has changed?

DSHS has updated the Hospice Services Fee Schedule to reflect the new CMS wage index effective October 1, 2008. To view the updated fee schedule, visit DSHS/HRSA online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/index.html>.

How do I conduct business electronically with DSHS?

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How Can I Get DSHS's/HRSA's Provider Documents?

1. To obtain DSHS's/HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to DSHS's/HRSA's website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memos*** link). These may be downloaded and printed.
2. To request a paper copy, contact DSHS using one of the following methods:
 - a. Internet: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/hardcopyplease.html>. Follow the instructions on the web page.
 - b. Facsimile: 1-360-725-2144. Please include the following in your fax: i) your name and provider number; ii) the name of the document you would like mailed to you; and iii) the address you want DSHS to send the document to.
 - c. Telephone: 1-800-562-3022, option 2. (Orders take up to one week to fill.)